

This species moults completely twice a year; the spring moult lasts from March to May, and many, at any rate, breed during the moult—a very unusual thing amongst any birds,—and birds moulting to winter may be found from July to November. The juvenile also has a complete moult during this period. The juvenile tail is about the same length as the adult summer tail, and the colour of the plumage about between the colours of summer and winter of adults. The colour of the bill in the breeding season is not entirely black: the base of the lower mandible is always pale—flesh or grey,—and breeding birds may be met with, even with brown bills.

Summer—seven males measure: wing 47·5–53, tail 55–57. Winter—three males: tail 72–80 mm.

Summer—thirteen females measure: wing 46·5–51, tail 49–57. Winter—five females: tail 69–74 mm.

I cannot separate Sind birds from typical *inornata* from the Deccan. Neither *P. socialis* nor *P. sylvatica* occurs in Sind; a race of the former is found in the Lower Punjab and Mt. Aboo, of the latter in Cutch and Mt. Aboo.

[To be continued.]

XXXI.—Obituary.

ROBERT ELLIOTT HARVEY.

WE learn with regret of the death of Mr. R. E. Harvey, which took place on the 17th of January last at his home in London, as the result of an attack of angina pectoris. Mr. Harvey was born in 1850, and was therefore 72 years old at the time of his death. He was an old Member of Lloyd's, and only became a member of the Union in 1921. Though interested in birds and ornithology he was not an active worker, and so far as we are aware never published anything in regard to our science.